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BOOK REVIEW

Butterflies of the Rocky Mountain States. Clifford D. Ferris and F. Martin Brown, eds. U. Oklahoma Press. 442 p. 4 color plates. 1981. \$35 hardbound; \$15.95 softbound.

This book is a comprehensive and updated field guide that will be most welcomed by butterfly collectors who could no longer obtain the out-of-print *Colorado Butterflies* by Brown, Eff, and Roger (1957). The prefatory chapters describe the biogeography and geology of the region from the Canadian border to northern New Mexico, as well as some butterflies from the Black Hills and the Pine Ridge Escarpment of South Dakota and Nebraska. All of the species and most of the butterfly subspecies of North America in the four major families, Hesperioidea, Papilionoidea, Lycaenoidea, and Nymphaloidea are illustrated by black-and-white photographs and many are shown in the 4 color plates. Life histories, flight periods, habitats, as well as common names are included. There is a complete glossary of terms, a general bibliography, and distribution maps. The excellent illustrations and well-organized text add to the usefulness of this book. This very reasonably priced field guide will serve not only the serious collector, but also a wide audience, including weekend naturalists and young butterfly collectors.

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